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SIX MORE LIGHT AIRCRAFT FOR YOUTH FLYING CLUBS, SAYS MUHYIDDIN

LANGKAWI, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The government will buy another six light aircraft next year for distribution to youth flying clubs in the states, Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said the aircraft costing RM70,000 each from the US would complement the Rakan Muda programme.

The aircraft would also be used to train youths in aircraft installation, he told reporters after accompanying Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to view the various light aircraft on display in conjunction with the Langkawi Fly-in 1997 here.

Muhyiddin said this would be the best way to inculcate interest in the younger generation on aviation industry in the country.

Dr Mahathir, he said, had asked that the Rakan Muda flying programme be continued to give opportunities to the younger generation to venture into the field.

He said this year the government had ordered two light aircraft for the Rakan Muda programme.

"We started the programme in Kuala Lumpur through the Persatuan Pesawaterbang Eksperimen Malaysia (PPEM)", he said.

Seven youths had also been sent to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, US for five-week intensive course in design, construction and flying of aircraft apart from administrative skill, he said.

Muhyiddin said more youths would be sent for training to gain experience.

Under the Seventh Malaysia Plan (7MP), the government had allocated RM500,000 for the programme including formation of flying clubs, he said.

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